Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 24 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 25 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 23 Dec 2020 at 17:33 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally High. Moderate by Monday with the main uncertainties the wind strength.

Headline for Thursday 24 Dec 2020: Dry and sunny, but bitterly cold with strong winds, gradually easing.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 24 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

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Weather: Cloudy in the early hours, a chance of snow across Lochaber. Otherwise dry with plenty of sunshine, but feeling bitterly cold in the strong northerly winds. Cloud spreads in from the west towards midnight.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%, Little if any cloud expected on the hills.

Visibility: Excellent.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/37 NW	39/47 N	38/47 N	35/42 N	30/36 N	23/28 N	18/22 N	18/21 NW	20/23 W
900	18/22 NW	23/31 N	22/30 N	17/26 N	13/19 N	12/17 N	9/13 NW	8/12 NW	10/15 W
600	18/21 W	25/32 N	22/30 N	21/28 N	14/19 SW	10/13 SW	9/12 SW	7/10 SW	10/13 SW
300	11/15 NW	10/16 NW	10/15 N	8/12 N	9/13 N	5/9 N	4/6 N	3/5 SE	4/6 SE
Glen	8/15 NW	8/20 N	8/18 N	3/9 NE	4/9 W	6/11 NW	4/8 NW	3/6 W	1/4 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-16	-7/-18	-8/-20	-8/-19	-7/-18	-7/-16	-7/-15	-6/-14	-6/-14
900	-3/-11	-4/-13	-5/-14	-6/-13	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-9	-4/-9	-4/-9
600	-1/-8	-2/-10	-3/-10	-3/-10	-2/-8	-2/-6	-2/-6	-1/-5	-1/-6
300	0/-4	0/-4	-0/-5	-1/-5	0/-4	0/-3	0/-2	0/-2	1/-1
Glen	2/-1	2/-2	1/-2	-0/-3	2/-0	2/-1	2/-1	1/-1	1/-0
Freezing Level*	300m	200m	00m	00m	100m	100m	200m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Bitterly cold in the wind, especially early morning.

Forecast for Friday 25 Dec 2020

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, snow above 900m, through the early hours near the west coast, drier in the east. Rain turns patchy after dawn, with many hills dry. Heavier, more persistent rain spreads east from early afternoon, clearing in the evening, then blustery showers, turning to snow above 700-800m towards midnight.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 30-35 gusting 45-50 mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% in the morning, cloud frequent, often extensive above 600m, a few fleeting breaks likely. Falling to nil by mid-afternoon, extensive cloud above 400-500m. 60% late evening as cloud breaks up.

Visibility: Mostly good at low levels, but falling to a few km in heavier outbreaks of rain. Generally very poor at height.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to plus 8 Celsius in the afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius in the morning, plus 3 Celsius early evening.
Freezing level: 400m, rising to 1100m by dawn, then above the summits late afternoon. Lowering to 900-1000m late evening.

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